

Union Colony School Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2022

Members In Attendance:

Heather Bunyan, President
Veronica Armendariz, Vice President
Kristen Arnold, Treasurer
Jamie Wood, Secretary
Ron Lamb, Member
Ashleigh Jacks, Member

Administration in Attendance:

Jemiah Fowler, UCS Executive Director
Dave Warner, UCES Principal
Carrie Leffler, UCPS Principal
Mandy Bailey, UCES Assistant Principal

Members Absent:

Jeremy Herndon, Member

The board meeting was held at Union Colony Preparatory School on May 14, 2022. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Bunyan.

Lessons for the Board

The CSI Team from the Elementary school presented on their services that they provide for both Intervention and CLD's for Kindergarteners through 5th graders.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Action Items

- Consent agenda was approved. Motion by Wood, Second by Armendariz. Motion passed, unanimously.
 - Consent agenda included: Approval of minutes from April 9th Board meeting
- Policy Review.
 - The following policies were approved as updated:
 - Policy JEB - Entrance Age Requirements, Policy GBGG - Staff Sick Leave and Policy IMB Teaching about Controversial/Sensitive Issues. Motion by Armendariz, Seconded by Arnold. Motion passed, unanimously.
- Approval of Staff Resignations. Motioned by Bunyan, Second by Lamb. Motion passed, unanimously.
- Approval of Staff New Hires 22/23 school year. Motion by Armendariz, Second by Lamb. Motion passed, unanimously.
- Approval of 990 Tax Return.. Motion by Jacks, Second by Armendariz. Motion passed, unanimously as presented to the board. It was also noted that this was presented to the board right against the filing deadline and there was also discussion about possibly having a CPA firm file next year.

Discussion Items

- Policy Review - IJNDBA and R - Use of Motion Pictures in the Classroom. It was noted that this policy needed to be updated based on the changes that were made to the IMB policy.

Board Reports

- There were not any reports today because of the last minute absence of Herndon, he will report on Parental Involvement at the next meeting.

Administration/Other Reports

- Warner reviewed the activities at the UCES. The PTO had their first meeting on 5/11 and they are going to meet the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7 pm, going forward. There will also be involment with the Preparatory school PTA twice a year and the funds for each PTO and PTA will be separate. A new office manager was hired and started on 5/10. Field day will be 5/17 and all are welcome. There will be a lot of the same activities as last year, but there will also be a dunk tank as well. On 5/16 the Seniors will walk to the Elementary school halls. This class will have 5 graduates that attended starting in the third grade, when the elementary school opened. Teacher Appreciation week went really well and the meal provided by the board was much appreciated.. Kindergarten open house was a success as well as the CMAS celebration for the 3rd through 5th grades. On April 29, the professional development day was filled with insurance informational meetings, vertical alignment as well as time in the classroom. Warner and Fowler are starting to meet with preschools in the hopes that these schools will have Union Colony as a primary feeder school for Kindergarten.
- Leffler reviewed the activities at the UCPS. Matilida was held at the UCCC on 4/21 & 4/22 and it was a very well attended event. There were field trips for the band and choir kiddos to the Summit, Fort Fun and Elitches. May 10th was the all school band and choir concert at the UCCC, they will also be performing at graduation. Students in Science attended the Museum of Nature of Science to see the anatomy exhibit. There was also a presentation to the 9-11 graders about safe driving to include games and trivia. May 12th was 9-12 students awards nights, there were a lot of awards given out. The Carnival on May 12, was a huge success and there was a lot of fun had by all. Graduation will be held on 5/21 at the Preparatory Gym, all are welcome and encouraged. Third Grade teachers will be in attendance, since the special connection with this graduating class.

Director's Report

- Fowler discussed that construction at the elementary school is progressing really well. Drywall has started as well as two windows have been installed. If all goes well it should be done by July 25th. He also spoke about the irrigation system project at the elementary school. There needs to be some work done but not as much as was initially thought. The plan is to have this system updated and then grass seed will be put down and fenced off

until mid-September to allow the grass to grow. Secondary construction is going to start soon with the update to the fencing as well as the shed to be built, which should be completed by July.

- Fowler also discussed the financials and how we have a few expenditures that are a little high but should be worked out by years end, as those were expenses that were mostly prefunded. The amended budget is on track. The board will be receiving some financial training in June.
- Fowler also discussed that the brand book for the school is created and will be shared with all staff. Sherman Williams will be supplying the paint for the school to ensure consistency with all the colors throughout both buildings. He also spoke about the two preschools that he will have further engagement with to meet with preschool parents as well as the directors of those preschool programs. Hopefully to have Union Colony have exclusive Kindergarten feeders options. Fowler is also looking into possibly using a company to help improve school enrollment. Further research is needed to determine if this is the right avenue to go.
- Fowler also gave an end of the year summary. Everyone is still working towards “Go far and go together” and seeing that the two schools are pretty similar. He also summarized the events that took place for K-12 this year and the plan to continue for next school year.
- Fowler also highlighted the awards ceremony held on 5/12 for 9-12 graders was a nice evening and noted that about 44% of our students have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Departments Report

- Bailey gave a report regarding all the end of the year data for all the assessments for K-5 as well as some changes that they are going to make to the testing systems. They will be using NWEA again rather than Fastbrige. Summer school will be happening again this year from 5/31 through 6/23 and they will be partnering again with High Plains Library District for “Oceans of Possibilities”. So far they have 101 students registered for summer but are hoping for more.
- Bunyan thanked and recognized both principles, executive director and staff for working hard at bringing the two schools together to be one school. Bunyan also thanked Wood for her 10 year of service on the board.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 am.